GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Rural Schools
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 75 per cent of primary schools in the rural India do not have electricity connections and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to this the children of these schools are deprived of participating in important educational events like Man ki Baat, etc.; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) and (b): As per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) 2013-14, the average percentage of government primary schools without electricity connection in rural areas at national level is 55.14.
State Governments, local authorities, School Management Committees and School Administration facilitate active participation of children of elementary schools in the rural areas of the country in various educational events. Their participation is ensured by making necessary arrangements, including through Akashwani.
(c): Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme supports States and Union Territories (UTs) for creation and augmentation of school infrastructure including electrification within schools premises. Under SSA the outlay approved to States and UTs for this purpose during last five years is as under:

(? in lakh)
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Sr. No. Year Outlay
1 2010-11 2541.81
2 2011-12 5508.85
3 2012-13 17611.94
4 2013-14 20.7
5 2014-15 3230.411
Total 28913.711
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Under Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana, there is a provision to provide electrification to all villages. That will enable availability of electricity to schools.

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